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John D. Cooney has been appointed curator of the Department of Classical Antiquities at The Cleveland Museum of Art. Mr. Cooney was formerly Curator of the Department of Ancient Art at The Brooklyn Museum where he spent 25 years developing its Egyptian material into a major collection. He will take up his new duties in Cleveland on February 1, 1964.

Mr. Cooney has concentrated his years of study on the art, rather than the archaeology, of Egypt. The Brooklyn collection, accordingly, is one of the very few in this country thus specialized. Cleveland's new antiquities curator moreover, is uniquely qualified by his knowledge of several less well-known arts of ancient Egypt, particularly its glass. At the request of the British Museum he is compiling a catalog on their Egyptian glass and related collections. His intensive interest in the technological means by which the ancient Egyptians produced their works has yielded considerable information concerning the manufacture of forgeries of ancient Egyptian art.

Mr. Cooney has been a frequent visitor to Egyptian collections in the United States and Europe; he has also excavated and studied in Egypt and was Director of the American Research Center in Cairo during 1952 and 1953. He graduated from Harvard College and later studied Semitic languages at Harvard University and the University of Pennsylvania.

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